

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for initializing a push-to-talk call over a wireless communication network, comprising:
 - receiving via a wireless communication network, a push-to-talk initialization request from a calling handset, the request identifying a recipient handset;
 - translating the push-to-talk request into a creating an announce message corresponding to the push-to-talk initialization request;
 - addressing the announce message to the recipient handset;
 - broadcasting the announce message over the wireless communication network, wherein the announce message is transmitted over a plurality of base stations;
 - receiving via one of the plurality of base stations an acknowledgement message in response to the announce message; and
 - transmitting a connection status message to the calling handset to instruct the calling handset to opening an audio channel in response to the receiving the acknowledgement message.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the wireless communication network is a code division multiple access network.
3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the broadcasting step further comprises sending the announce message in a control channel.

4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the control channel is a forward common control channel.
5. (canceled)
6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the acknowledgement message is received in a control channel.
7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the control channel is a reverse enhanced access channel.
8. (previously presented) A system for initializing a push-to-talk call over a wireless communication network, comprising:
 - a target handset configured for over the air communication in a wireless communication network;
 - a plurality of base stations configured to communicate over the air with the target handset, wherein a push-to-talk announce message is broadcast to the target handset over the plurality of base stations;
 - wherein a first base station receives an acknowledgement message from the target handset in response to the announce message; and
 - wherein the first base station is configured to open an audio channel in response to the acknowledgement message.
9. (original) The system of claim 8, wherein the wireless communication network is a code division multiple access network.
10. (original) The system of claim 9, further comprising a plurality of control channels in the wireless communication network, wherein the push-to-talk announce message is broadcast to the target handset in a forward common control channel.

11. (original) The system of claim 8, further comprising a push-to-talk server, wherein the push-to-talk server initiates the push-to-talk announce message.
12. (canceled)
13. (original) The system of claim 8, wherein the acknowledgement message is received by the first base station in a control channel.
14. (original) The system of claim 13, wherein the control channel is a reverse enhanced access channel.
15. (new) A method for initializing a push-to-talk between a calling handset and a recipient handset call over a wireless communication network, comprising:
 - receiving at a base station via a reverse link channel in a wireless communication network, a push-to-talk initialization request from a calling handset, the request identifying a single recipient handset;
 - converting the reverse link channel push-to-talk initialization request to an internet protocol push-to-talk initialization request message;
 - sending the internet protocol push-to-talk initialization request message to a push-to-talk server;
 - creating an internet protocol push-to-talk announce message corresponding to the internet protocol push-to-talk initialization request;
 - sending the internet protocol push-to-talk announce message to a plurality of base stations;
 - creating at each of the plurality of base stations a control channel push-to-talk announce message addressed to the recipient handset;

broadcasting the control channel push-to-talk announce message from the plurality of base stations;

receiving from the recipient handset an acknowledgement message corresponding to the push-to-talk announce message at a first base station via a reverse link channel; and

opening an audio channel between the calling handset and the recipient handset in response to the acknowledgement message corresponding to the push-to-talk announce message.